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SUBJECT: NEW ZEALAND VISIT OF TRAN QUOC BUU

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1. PER REFTEL REQUEST, NGUYEN BUOI, FIRST VICE PRESIDENT OF CVT, AND IN CHARGE DURING BUU'S ABSENCE, CONSULTED THEIR BOOKS AND INFORMED LABATT THAT THE INTERNATIONAL INSTITUTE FOR SOLIDARITY (IIS) HAD CONTRIBUTED THE EQUIVALENT OF US\$1,200,000 IN ASSISTANCE TO THE CVT FROM 1966 THROUGH 1972. THE IIS BUDGETS ITS ASSISTANCE ANNUALLY BUT RELEASES FUNDS ACCORDING TO PROJECT AND SUPPORTING VOUCHERS. FOR THE YEARS 1973 AND 1974, IIS EARMARKED APPROXIMATELY THE EQUIVALENT OF US\$24,800 FOR EACH YEAR. THIS WOULD TOTAL NOT MORE THAN US\$1,249,600 SPENT OR INTENDED TO BE SPENT FOR CVT PROJECTS FOR THE NINE YEARS 1966 THROUGH 1974, AND THEN ONLY IF ALL MONEY ALLOTTED FOR 1973 AND 1974 IS ACTUALLY SPENT. BUOI SAID THAT THE ALLEGED US\$17,000,000 THE NZ SEAMEN ARE TALKING ABOUT WAS NEVER SO MUCH AS A DREAM TO THE CVT OR THE IIS.

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2. COMMENT: THE NZ SEAMEN OBVIOUSLY KNOW NOTHING ABOUT FOREIGN ASSISTANCE. THE CVT WOULD REQUIRE AN ORGANIZATIONAL INFRASTRUCTURE OF AT LEAST TEN TIMES ITS PRESENT SIZE TO SPEND THE EQUIVALENT OF US\$17,000,000 ON SOCIAL WELFARE ACTIVITIES. MARTIN

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